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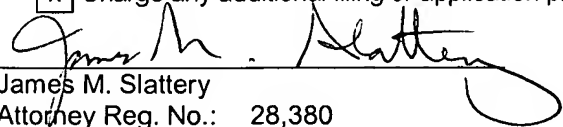
Invention: THROMBUS CAPTURE CATHETER

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 1, 2008, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. This Paper includes

Amendments to the Specification,

Amendments to the Claims,

Amendments to the Drawings,

Remarks, and

Three sheets of Replacement Drawings (FIGS. 3, 5, and 13).